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3. Venue is proper in this District because the acts and transactions occurred here, Plaintiff resides here, and Defendants transact business here.

PARTIES

- Plaintiff is a natural person who resides in the City of Yucca Valley, County of San Bernardino, State of California, and is a "consumer" as that term is defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(3) and RA §1788(2)(h).
- Defendant, Creditors Specialty Services with its office address located at 32023 Crown Valley Road, Acton, California 93510, and is a "debt collector" as that term is defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(6) and RA §1788.2(c).
- Defendant has a registered agent for service of process by the name of Neal 6. Evans with an address of 2626 Townsgate, Suite 330, Westlake Village, California 91361.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- Defendant was attempting to collect an alleged debt from Plaintiff 7. concerning past due home owner's association fees.
- 8. On or about March 13, 2013, Defendant filed a lawsuit against Plaintiff in Los Angeles County.
- 9. The lawsuit was improperly filed in Los Angeles County.

- 10. Between April 11, 2013 and May 14, 2013, Defendant has continued attempts to collect the alleged debt from Plaintiff.
- 11. Between April 11, 2013 and May 14, 2013, Defendant's agents left 7 messages for Plaintiff in an attempt to collect the debt.
- 12. In all seven messages left for Plaintiff by Defendant's agents, none of them included disclosures that the calls were from a debt collector or that they were attempting to collect a debt.
- 13. In one of the seven messages left for Plaintiff by Defendant's agents, Defendant's agent made reference to a lien against Plaintiff's home when no such lien existed.
- 14. These communications were in violation of numerous and multiple provisions of the FDCPA and RA including but not limited to 15 U.S.C. § 1692e(2), 1692e(10), 1692e(11) 1692i(a)(2), and RA §1788.15(a) and 1788.15(b).
- 15. Plaintiff has suffered actual damages as a result of this illegal collection communications by the Defendant in the form of anger, anxiety, emotional distress, fear, frustration, upset, humiliation, embarrassment, amongst other negative emotions, as well as suffering from unjustified and abusive invasions of personal privacy.

TRIAL BY JURY

16. Plaintiff is entitled to and hereby respectfully demands a trial by jury. US Const. amend. 7. Fed.R.Civ.P. 38.

CAUSES OF ACTION

COUNT I

VIOLATIONS OF THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT 15 U.S.C. § 1692 et seq.

- 17. Plaintiff repeats and realleges and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 16.
- 18. Defendant violated the FDCPA. Defendants violations include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - (a) The Defendants violated 15 U.S.C. §1692e(2) by representing or implying that nonpayment of any debt will result in the arrest or imprisonment of any person or the seizure, garnishment, attachment, or sale of any property or wages of any person unless such action is lawful and the debt collector or creditor intends to take such action.
 - (b) The Defendants violated 15 U.S.C. §1692e(10) by using any false representation or deceptive means to collect or attempt to collect any debt or to obtain information concerning a consumer.

- (c) The Defendants violated 15 U.S.C. §1692e(11) by failing to communicate the mini-Miranda warning, "This is an attempt to collect a debt ... communication is from a debt collector."
- (d) The Defendants violated 15 U.S.C. §1692i(a)(2) by bringing any legal action in a location other than where the contract was signed or where the consumer resides.
- 19. As a result of each and every Defendant's violations of the FDCPA, Plaintiff is therefore entitled to actual damages pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(a)(1); statutory damages in an amount up to \$1,000.00 pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(a)(2)(A); and, reasonable attorney's fees and costs pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(a)(3) from each and every Defendant herein. WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully prays that judgment be entered against Defendant as follows:
 - a) For an award of actual damages pursuant to 15 U.S.C. §1692k(a)(1) against Defendant and in favor of Plaintiff;
 - b) For an award of statutory damages of \$1,000.00 pursuant to 15 U.S.C. \$1692k(a)(2)(A) against Defendant in favor of Plaintiff; and
 - c) For an award of costs of litigation and reasonable attorney's fees pursuant to 15 U.S.C. §1692k(a)(3) against Defendant and in favor of Plaintiff; and

d) Actual damages from the Defendants for all damages including emotional distress suffered as a result of the intentional, reckless, and/or negligent FDCPA violations.

COUNT II

VIOLATIONS OF THE ROSENTHAL FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT §1788 et seq.

- 20. Plaintiff repeats and realleges and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 11.
- 21. Defendant violated the RFDCPA. Defendants violations include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - (a) The Defendants violated §1788.15(a) by collecting or attempting to collect a consumer debt by means of judicial proceedings when the debt collector knows that service of process, where essential to jurisdiction over the debtor or his property, has not been legally effected.
 - (b) The Defendant violated §1788.15(b) by collecting or attempting to collect a consumer debt, other than one reduced to judgment, by means of judicial proceedings in a county other than the county in which the debtor has incurred the consumer debt or the county in which the debtor resides at the time such proceedings are

instituted, or resided at the time the debt was incurred.

As a result of Defendant's violations of the RFDCPA, Plaintiff is entitled to any actual damages pursuant to California Civil Code § 1788.30(a); statutory damages for a knowing or willful violation in the amount up to \$1,000.00 pursuant to California Civil Code § 1788.30(b); and reasonable attorney's fees and costs pursuant to California Civil Code § 1788.30(c) from Defendant.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully prays that judgment be entered against Defendant as follows:

- a) For an award of actual damages from each and every Defendant pursuant to California Civil Code §1788.30(a);
- b) For an award of statutory damages up to \$1,000.00 pursuant to California Civil Code § 1788.30(b); and
- c) For an award of litigation costs and reasonable attorney's fees pursuant to California Civil Code § 1788.30(c) against each and every Defendant.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

DATED: December 31, 2013 PRICE LAW, GROUP APC

G. Thomas Martin, III Attorney for Plaintiff

By:

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT TO UNITED STATES JUDGES

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VIII. VENUE: Your answers to the questions below will determine the division of the Court to which this case will most likely be initially assigned. This initial assignment is subject to change, in accordance with the Court's General Orders, upon review by the Court of your Complaint or Notice of Removal.

Question A: Was this case removed from state court?	STATE CASE WAS PENDING IN THE COUNTY OF: INITIAL DIVISION IN CACD IS:							
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862	BL	All claims for "Black Lung" benefits under Title 4, Part B, of the Federal Coal Mine Health and Safety Act of 1969. (30 U.S.C. 923)
863	DIWC	All claims filed by insured workers for disability insurance benefits under Title 2 of the Social Security Act, as amended; plus all claims filed for child's insurance benefits based on disability. (42 U.S.C. 405 (g))
863	DIWW	All claims filed for widows or widowers insurance benefits based on disability under Title 2 of the Social Security Act, as amended. (42 U.S.C. 405 (g))
864	SSID	All claims for supplemental security income payments based upon disability filed under Title 16 of the Social Security Act, as amended.
865	RSI	All claims for retirement (old age) and survivors benefits under Title 2 of the Social Security Act, as amended. (42 U.S.C. 405 (g))

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